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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Commander J.D. Faris
Acting Public Works Officer
Department of the Navy
Naval Weapons Support Center
Crane, Indiana 47522-5000

Re: Extension of Time - Mustard Gas
Burial Grounds
Naval Weapons Support Center
Crane, Indiana
INS 170 023 498

Dear Commander Faris:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed your request for an extension of time, to submit the Modified RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Phase II Soils and Phase II Ground Water Release Characterization Work Plans for the Mustard Gas Burial Grounds (SMW #01/12). Our approval of the extension is based on the complexity of the problems in obtaining laboratories that can analyze for both mustard gas and other chemicals within the proper holding times, and the dangers involved in sampling this kind of area.

We hereby approve your May 23, 1991, request for a 90-day extension. The RFI Work Plans are now due on August 30, 1991.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, Ms. Carol Witt-Smith of my staff can be contacted at (312) 886-6146 for assistance.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY/
GEORGE J. HAMPER

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